



## King County

### Veterans' Program

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## King County Veterans' Program Advisory Board Meeting Summary September 15, 2009 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm WorkSource Renton

### Call to Order

Chairman Stan Gunno called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

### Roll Call

**Board Members Present:** Stan Gunno, Art Dammkoehler, Antony Ferrucci, Tom Leonard, Lyle Stevenson, Bill Wood, Eddie Jensen, Ray Tomlinson, Roger Welles

### Board Members Excused/Absent:

Bill Metcalf, Doug Hoople, Rick Woodruff, David Waggoner, Harry Brown, Debra Wood

### County Staff Present:

Joel Estey, Department of Community and Human Services (KCVP)  
Rita Sanchez, Department of Community and Human Services (KCVP)

### Review of Meeting Summary

The minutes for June 16, 2009, were reviewed and no revisions were identified

#### ACTION:

June 16, 2009 meeting summary was approved.

### Committee Reports

Appeals: No appeals.

Budget & Finance: No budget and finance reports. Budget & Finance Committee did not meet. Joel Estey gave a short update on funding for overhead. There are two county sources RCW and Levy funding includes everything utilities, benefits. The levy money provided for the hiring of a KCVP Program Manager, 6 social workers, the Renton office and what was put into the Auburn office and all outreach programs.

Programs: Program Committee met in August to gather information for Jackie MacLean. Topics discussed included:

- General background on the board
- A list of recent successes
- What are the board's hot issues?
- What do they expect from the department?



Joel Estey also had feedback from the meeting.

- Doug Hoople will need to be voted back onto the Levy Oversight Board.
- Rick Woodruff provided concept formulation regarding a veteran locator to identify senior veterans that might not have any support. The thought was to collect information and phone numbers so senior veterans may be called throughout the year, check to see if they are able to get out or if they need someone to come and check on them. Rick is planning a trial run with his chapter in Snoqualmie Falls.

Monthly Reports:

Updates - the monthly reports to show budget beginning balance and ending balance and 2008 reports compared to 2009. Discussed the spending amount for KCVP information provide by the 2009 database reports that would include living expenses, utilities, employment, transportation and medical.

There was some discussion about there being a spike for the months of March, April & May 2008 and 2009 in cost of living and employment. One thought was it could be tied to a higher number of people coming in for services. Board members requested that staff provide research and a report regarding the patterns of spending.

Levy: Bill Wood –Discussed having several meetings this summer and looking at several proposals, one last month had to do with a coordination of data from public health clinics, public health and jails being concentrated into one system. So if a person went into one clinic they could access information from one central place. Specific criteria would have to be established as they would be working with the VA. Stan Gunno- Discussed getting more housing for senior veterans. Bill Woods is still looking at another round of proposals which include veterans and he will update the Advisory Board on those.

Bill is also looking into a new program that is specific to helping find veterans career support; it will start with 100 people. By providing stability, housing, transportation, and training the program will have someone following and working closely with the participants through the process and training. This is a national model that has been very successful in New York and other parts of the country.

Outreach:

Joel Estey is still working with outreach at senior centers and has added two new locations Vashon Island and Northshore.

Speaking engagements:

Redmond Human Service Commission

November 10<sup>th</sup> @6:30 PM

Location - TBD

Publicity: Poster available for distribution

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Legislative: Roger Welles - reported on the benefits-health care plan, working with DOD to align with VA standards for those claims regarding Veterans discharges that will be rated according to the VA rating, yet to be finalized .

Roger Welles - suggested coming up with disabled veterans license plates KCVP Advisory Board can write a letter and give to VLC to present for legislation.

### **Old Business**

Advisor Board Meetings – Meeting will be held at locations listed below for the rest of 2009.

Shoreline Compass Center 10:30 am October 20, 2009

Renton WorkSource 10:30 am November 17, 2009

Shoreline Compass Center 10:30 December 15, 2009

### **New Business**

Doug Hoople was re-elected to the Levy Oversight Board

### **Next Meeting**

October 20, 2009 (Shoreline Compass Center)

### **Good of the Order**

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm